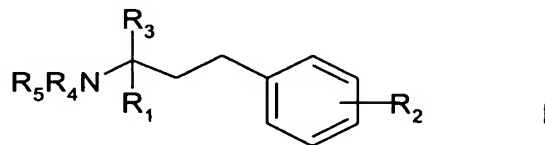


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Original) A compound of formula I

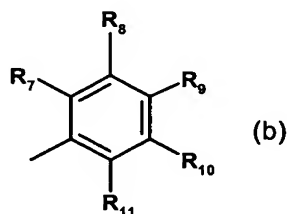


wherein

R₁ is C₁₋₆ alkyl optionally substituted by OH, C₁₋₂ alkoxy or 1 to 6 fluorine atoms; C₂₋₆alkenyl; or C₂₋₆alkynyl;

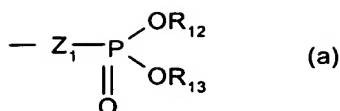
R₂ is R₂' or R₂''

wherein R₂' is X₁, -O-X₁, -CO-X₁, -CH(OH)-X₁, -C(NOR₆)-X₁, -S-X₁, -SO-X₁, -SO₂-X₁ or -N(C₁₋₆alkyl)-X₁ wherein X₁ is C₃₋₈ alkyl substituted by 1 to 17 fluorine atoms and optionally interrupted in the carbon chain by one or more O, C=O, CH-OH or C=NOR₆ and/or one carbon-carbon double or triple bond; pentyl substituted by C₁₋₃alkyl and optionally interrupted in the carbon chain by one or more O, C=O, CH-OH or C=NOR₆ and/or one carbon-carbon double or triple bond; C₂₋₈alkyl-C₃₋₆cycloalkyl wherein the C₂₋₈alkyl moiety is optionally interrupted in the carbon chain by one or more O, C=O, CH-OH or C=NOR₆ and/or one carbon-carbon double or triple bond, and the C₃₋₆cycloalkyl and/or the C₂₋₈alkyl is substituted by 1 to 17 fluorine atoms; and each of R₆, independently, is H, C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₂₋₄alkenyl, C₂₋₄alkynyl or benzyl; and and wherein R₂'' is X-CH₂-CH₂-R attached in position para, wherein X is O; CH₂; or C=O; and R is a residue of formula (b)



wherein each of R₇ to R₁₁, independently, is H; Cl; Br; F; CN; CF₃; OCF₃; OCHF₂; C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkoxy; C₃₋₆cycloalkyl; C₃₋₆cycloalkoxy; acyl; or optionally substituted phenyl; or R₉ and R₁₀ form together 3,4-[-O(CH₂)_rO-] wherein r is 1 or 2; or (R₇ and R₈) or (R₈ and R₉) together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached, form a fused cyclic or heterocyclic ring and the remaining R₉ to R₁₁ or R₇ and R₁₀ and R₁₁, respectively, are as defined above; or R is - or - naphthyl optionally substituted by one to 5 substituents as defined above for R₇ to R₁₁;

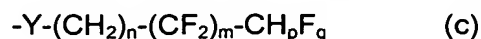
R₃ is Z-X₂ wherein Z is CH₂, CHF or CF₂ or CHMe and X₂ is OH or a residue of formula (a)



wherein Z_1 is a direct bond, CH_2 , CHF , CF_2 or O , and each of R_{12} and R_{13} , independently, is H or C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 halogen atoms; and each of R_4 and R_5 , independently, is H , C_{1-4} alkyl optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 halogen atoms, or acyl in free form or in salt form.

Claim 2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_2 is R_2' which is X_1 , $-O-X_1$, $-CO-X_1$, $-CH(OH)-X_1$ or $-C(NOR_6)-X_1$.

Claim 3. (Original) A compound according to claim 2 wherein R_2' is a residue of formula (c)



wherein

Y is a direct bond, O , CO , $CHOH$ or $C=NOR_6$ wherein R_6 is as defined above;

n is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6, provided that the sum of $n+m$ is 3-8;

each of p and q , independently, is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

the chain $(CH_2)_n-(CF_2)_m-CH_pF_q$ being optionally interrupted by one carbon-carbon double or triple bond, one CO or one or two oxygen atoms.

Claim 4. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 2 or 3 wherein R_2' is selected from the group consisting of

$-Y-C_nF_{2n+1}$ wherein $n=3-8$ and Y is CH_2 , O or $C=O$;

$-Y-CH_2C_nF_{2n+1}$ wherein $n=1-7$ and Y is CH_2 , O or $C=O$;

$-Y-CH_2CH_2C_nF_{2n+1}$ wherein $n=1-6$ and Y is CH_2 , O or $C=O$;

$-Y-CH_2CH_2CH_2C_nF_{2n+1}$ wherein $n=1-5$ and Y is CH_2 , O or $C=O$;

$-Y-(CH_2)_nF$ wherein $n=1-7$ and Y is CH_2 , O or $C=O$;

$-Y-(CH_2)_nCF_3$ wherein $n=1-6$ and Y is CH_2 , O or $C=O$;

$-Y-(CH_2)_nCF_2CH_3$ wherein $n=1-4$ and Y is CH_2 , O or $C=O$;

$-Y-(CH_2)_n(CF_2)_mCHF_2$ wherein $n=0-3$, $m=1-6$, $n+m = 3-7$ and Y is CH_2 , O or $C=O$; and

$-Y-(CH_2)_nC(O)CF_3$ wherein $n=1-5$ and Y is CH_2 , O or $C=O$.

Claim 5. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_2 is R_2'' .

Claim 6. (Original) A compound according to claim 5 wherein R is \square -naphthyl optionally substituted by one to 5 substituents or R is a residue of formula (b), wherein one or two of the residues R_7 to R_{11} independently, is Cl , Br , F , CF_3 , OCF_3 , C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, or optionally substituted phenyl, and the other residues R_7 to R_{11} are H , and/or

Claim 7. (Currently amended) A compound according to any one of claims 1 to 6 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof for use as a pharmaceutical and for use in the preparation of a medicament.

Claim 8. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier therefor.

Claim 9. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical combination comprising a compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 6, in free form or in pharmaceutically acceptable salt form, and at least one co-agent.

Claim 10. (Currently amended) A method for preventing or treating disorders or diseases mediated by lymphocytes, and for preventing or treating acute or chronic transplant rejection or T-cell mediated inflammatory or autoimmune diseases in a subject comprising administering to the subject in need thereof an effective amount of a compound according to ~~any one of~~ claims 1 ~~to~~ 6, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.